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Education's Limping Progress.

Dr. George D. Stayer, president of the National Education Association, says that reports received in advance of the Milwaukee convention shows that the first results of the campaign for increased wages are beginning to make an inadequate appearance.

New York leads a list of States in increased salary provisions by establishing a minimum of \$1,005 and a maximum of \$3,650 annually for city schools and a minimum of \$800 for rural districts. Illinois makes the minimum \$700 for thirty-six weeks, adds a million to her annual educational appropriation and authorizes local districts to double the educational tax. Iowa puts the minimum for college graduates at \$100 a month and \$80 for normal school graduates. Indiana gives a graded increase of from 25 to 30 per cent.

Virginia raised its appropriation for teachers' salaries \$800,000 in 1918 and promises more next year. Texas adds \$2,000,000 annually for 1918-19 to teachers' salaries. South Carolina raises its minimum wage from \$55 to \$75, the figure also fixed by Oregon. North Dakota, Oklahoma, Missouri, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, California and Connecticut also report increased educational appropriations, a part of which may be used to increase salaries. There is also a list of 191 cities that have increased salaries during the past year.

But all this is but a most inadequate beginning to meet a long almost unendurable situation in the opinion of the officials of the association. "Of these 191 cities, 86 per cent gave increases of \$50 or less per year, barely enough to pay the average increase in room rent."

For the whole United States the Commissioner of Education reports that the increase is from an average of \$543.31 in 1915 to \$630.64 in 1918. Even these figures, which are far below what wartime investigations showed to be a living wage, and far less than the minimum legal wages fixed by several States for factory girls, come largely from cities and do not include the much worse conditions in rural schools.

Educators gathered at the national convention are unanimously agreed that until this disgraceful condition is changed and teachers are paid an adequate wage, there can be but a limping progress in educational matters and but miserable approximation to the needs of reconstruction and the industrial education which is now so pressing needed.

From Six to Eleven.

A national business magazine tells the story of success in the business life of an American woman. She began with a capital of \$65, and now is worth hundreds of thousands.

Nearly every American-made doll wears hair manufactured in this business woman's shop, or by machines she invented.

Truly it is a remarkable story of a remarkably successful woman. We admired the way she climbed to business success until we came to this paragraph:

"So she summoned some of her former women employees who had married. Many of them found it necessary to earn extra money. Children and housework keep them home during the day; but they eagerly responded to a chance to work at night from six until eleven."

And then this business woman's "success" didn't look like success to us.

It is hard to call it success when one thinks of the mothers who have to leave their homes, their babies, after a hard day's housework, to work from six to eleven in a factory. It may be profitable—for the business woman. It is unprofitable for the mothers and babies.

We read on:

"Most of these women workers (speaking of the mothers who toil in her factory from six to eleven) are of foreign birth—chiefly Finnish, Bohemian and Slavic."

Now then, let us ask ourselves this question:

Has this practice of working foreign mothers in America from six to eleven at night anything to do with the readiness of the foreign element in this country to arise in revolt at the behest of the agitator?

The Credit for the Flag.

In American schools for a century or more the youth of the land has been told that Betsy Ross was the mother, the maker of "Old Glory." In Philadelphia the Betsy Ross home is a shrine. Now it comes out that Betsy played only a part, a small part in the creation of the Star Spangled Banner.

Edward Hopkinson, great grandson of Francis Hopkinson, points out that the acts of the Continental Congress and the records in Washington establish the fact that Francis Hopkinson, at the request of Congress, designed the flag and Betsy merely acted the part of a seamstress.

The statement of Mr. Hopkinson is confirmed by Dean Arthur Hobson Quinn of the University of Pennsylvania.

Francis Hopkinson was one of the foremost poets, painters, musicians and writers of Revolutionary days. It has always been a puzzle how Betsy Ross, who was not noted for originality, ever designed such a beautiful thing as the American flag, undoubtedly the most beautiful of all national emblems.

The Hopkinson explanation is clear and convincing, but it is doubtful whether the American people ever will be weaned away from attributing to the renowned Betsy practically all the credit for the flag.

There are many reasons for that fortified frontier along the Rio Grande, but the chief one is that Mexico will be there in perpetuity.

At this rate we shall soon be keeping our cash in the kitchen safe and our cats in the office safe.

The Washington Herald's Poet

Today Rhymes on

"LESSON OF THE DAY."

By EDMUND VANCE COOKE.

Masters (and servants) of Mammon,

Pause ye my poem to examine!

A wisdom I wot me, so list!

Lo! an arm is a bone,

And a fist is a stone,

Which is tied to a truculent fist.

Nay, sirs, it is not that I threat ye;

I neither assail nor abet ye;

I offer this grain of my grist:

The hand which is filled

Has its restlessness stilled

But the empty hand grows to a fist.

Ye may cite me from Levi to Livy,

But I cite ye the Law of the Divvy!

'Tis a law of a different twist:

A full hand holds steady,

An empty is ready

To knuckle itself to a fist.

Ye, masters of might and of money,

I am droll, I am whimsical and funny,

Yet should not my meaning be missed;

Many bones in the palm

Keep the populace calm,

But beware ye the bones of the fist!

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THE PARAGRAPHER'S NEWS VIEWS.

Holland feels that every eye made with the wood of the Hohenlohe tree-cutter places her in a bad light—Atlanta Constitution.

The belief becomes stronger that so far as war is concerned Germany did not quite get all that was coming to her—Detroit Free Press.

To the last, the Germans meditated treachery. And yet they are demanding the trust and good will of the world—Baltimore American.

One trouble is that the country is stocked up with a lot of people who would rather divide up the property of other folk than earn and save some of their own—Los Angeles Times.

German honor has been carried to the grave, according to a Berlin paper. And the paper must have added that the corpse did not require a very big coffin—Raleigh News and Observer.

Surgeon General Ireland is quoted as declaring that control of pneumonia is in sight. The medical profession never has made such strides as it is making today—Charleston News and Courier.

Senator Lodge could say, in reply to criticism of his leadership, that the Senate Republicans would be easier to lead if there were fewer Presidential candidates among them—Springfield Republican.

Notwithstanding the fact that the peace treaty was signed in the famous Hall of Mirrors at Versailles, the German representatives were altogether unable to see themselves as others saw them—Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

"It gives me heartfelt pleasure to congratulate you and the great people whose First Magistrate you are," the Emperor of Japan cabled to President Wilson, which, according to Hiram Johnson, is the Mikado's way of shaking a mailed fist at us—New York World.

It is worth considering that the more the embittered Germans shoot off their mouths the less chance will be given them for shooting off anything more dangerous—Boston Transcript.

The war lasted until a majority of Americans were almost sure they could spite Sarajevo; almost, but not quite—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Now the Turkish problem looms up for settlement and the L. of N. executives realize the magnitude of the work ahead of them—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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